

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
91 pages of specification and claims (including 14 numbered claims) pages numbered 1-59 and 63-94, and  
65 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
 Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.  
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.  
 Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
 Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/304,194, 60/260,669 and 60/315,765 , filed December 1, 2000, January 11, 2001 and August 30, 2001, respectively , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
 Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
The prior application is assigned to INNOGENETICS N.V..  
It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.  
Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.  
Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

- Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other:  
86 page paper copy of Sequence Listing

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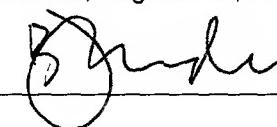
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